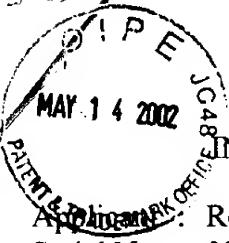


#71aw
5-31-02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Robert N. Hamlin
 Serial No. : 08/692,314
 Filed : August 5, 1996
 Title : METHOD OF MAKING MULTILAYER ANGIOPLASTY CATHETER
 BALLOON

Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

COPY OF PAPERS
 ORIGINALLY FILEDPETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated November 5, 2001, be extended for three months to and including May 5, 2002.

Enclosed is a check for \$920 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: May 6, 2002

Tu N. Nguyen
 Tu N. Nguyen
 Reg. No. 42,934

Fish & Richardson P.C.
 225 Franklin Street
 Boston, Massachusetts 02110-2804
 Telephone: (617) 542-5070
 Facsimile: (617) 542-8906

20431892.doc

RECEIVED
 MAY 24 2002
 GROUP 3600

RECEIVED

MAY 21 2002

TC 1700

05/15/2002 JADDO1 00000032 08692314

02 FC:117

\$20.00 DP

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY FIRST CLASS MAIL

I hereby certify under 37 CFR §1.8(a) that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage on the date indicated below and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Date of Deposit May 6, 2002
 Signature Toni M. Sousa

Toni M. Sousa
 Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing Certificate